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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
ALAIN BALLAGNY, ET AL. : EXAMINER: DUDNIKOV, VADIM
SERIAL NO: 10/551,902 :
FILED: FEBRUARY 28, 2007 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3663
FOR: SINGLE PLAITING NUCLEAR :
FUEL AND METHOD FOR THE
PRODUCTION THEREOF

ELECTION OF SPECIES

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated May 6, 2009, Applicants elect Species a, A, A1, B1, and C1 and list Claims 20, 23, 27, 29, 31, 35, 36, and 37 as reading thereon and Claims 20, 23 and 35 as generic.¹ The Election of Species was not entirely understood because it referred to different species using the same letter (e.g., B1/B2 are used twice on page 3 for different species), and it referred to “group I” which was not defined.

The above election is based on the undersigned representative’s best understanding of the intended election requirement. An attempt was made to reach one of the Examiners listed on the Office Action, but the calls were not returned. In any event, if the above election is not consistent with the Examiner’s intended election requirement, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative in an effort to resolve any outstanding issues.

¹See the Election of Species Requirement at page 5, line 11, also identifying Claims 20, 23, and 35 as generic.

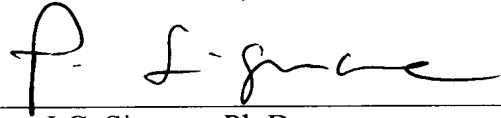
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Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims, directed to additional non-elected species, which include the limitations of an allowable generic claim, as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141(a).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a full examination on the present application be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. J. Signore', is written over a horizontal line.

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